



Education and Incentives

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The MDARNG Education Resource Website
www.educationarmory.com



Free Degree Credit Assessment

- Let the Education Support Center (ESC) review your training and experience, both military and civilian, and create a comprehensive and consolidated assessment based on the credit recommendations provided by the American Council on Education.
- To apply for a Military Assessment and Degree Plans and make sure you get the credit you deserve, go to:
<https://esc.pec.ngb.army.mil/creditassesment.cfm>

Degree Planning

- Once your Military Credit Assessment has been completed, you will be assigned an ESC Counselor who will complete three degree plans for you.
- The three degree plans will include an MOS related degree, fastest track to completion degree and if possible a degree from a SOC Network college or university in your state.
- You may request a specific degree on your application. Your counselor will try to find a degree that matches the degree you have specified.

AARTS Transcripts

- Computerized transcript system/
produces official transcripts
- Enlisted Military Occupational
Specialties (MOS) and Training
- Warrant Officers/ Commissioned Officers
- Standardized test scores

<https://aartstranscript.army.mil/>

State Tuition Waiver (STW)

- ***“Up Front”*** waives 25-50% tuition at 2 year and 4 year State Higher Education institutions and Washington and Loyola College that have an agreement with MD National Guard



Maryland Colleges and Universities that “Partner in Education” with the Maryland National Guard

Allegany College of Maryland
Anne Arundel Community College
Baltimore City Community College
Bowie State University (6shs)
* **Capitol College**
Carroll Community College
Cecil Community College
Chesapeake Community College
College of Southern Maryland
Comm Coll of Baltimore County
Coppin State University
Frederick Community College
Frostburg State University (6shs)
Garrett Community College
Hagerstown Community College
Harford Community College
Howard Community College

* **Loyola College**
Morgan State University (8shs)
Montgomery College
Prince George’s Community College
Saint Mary’s College
Salisbury State University (6shs)
Stevenson University (15%)
Towson University (6shs)
University of Baltimore
Univ of MD @ Baltimore (25% 6shs)
Univ of MD Baltimore County (6shs)
Univ of MD Biotech Inst (6shs)
Univ of MD College Park (6shs)
Univ of MD Eastern Shore (6shs)

* **Washington College**
Wor-Wic Community College

* **Delaware College**

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

- Pays up to 100% tuition or

\$250 per semester hour (SH)

or

\$167 per quarter hour (QH)

and

\$16.66 per credit hour (CH)

\$4,500 Max per Fiscal Year



Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)

CHAPTER 1606 MGIB-SR: \$11,844.00

- \$329.00/month for 36 months (full-time)
- Prorated for part-time
- Vocational, Undergraduate Graduate study or Flight



Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP) GI Bill

**CHAPTER 1607: Up to -
\$792.00/month**

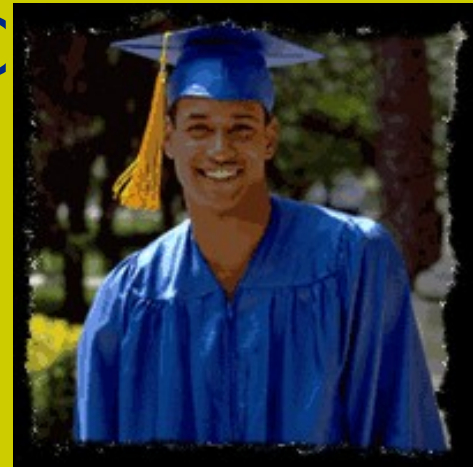
Soldiers that deployed in a contingency operation after 9/11 for 90+ days “boots on ground” could receive a % of the Act
aka Chapter 30.



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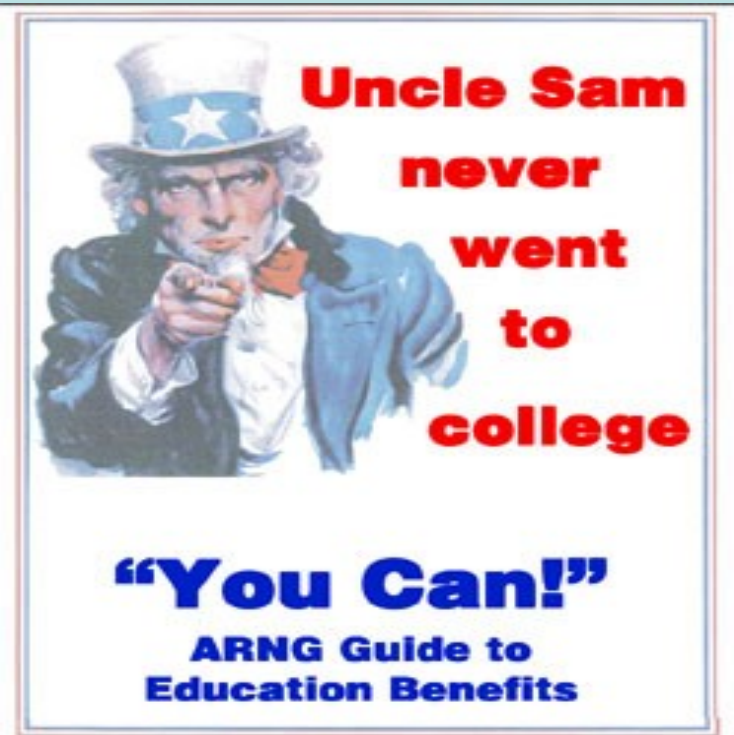
Up to - \$7,200

- additional \$200.00/month for eligible soldiers/airmen (full-time), Selected units and military occupational specialties or an additional \$350.00 per month for OCS/WOCS/ROTC or “C” soldiers



State Tuition Reimbursement (STAR)

- STAR reimburses up to 50% of tuition and related fees with a grade of “C” or better and a 2 year obligation from the course start



ARNG ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

DEDICATED ARNG SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Program for cadets who want to serve in the ARNG, exclusively.
- Two and Four year ROTC Scholarships
- Scholarship program pays tuition and fees up to \$17,000 a year.
- Cadets must make an 8 year commitment to the ARNG.
- MGIB-SR cannot be used with this program



ARNG ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty

- Designed to attract cadets who are interested in obtaining a commission in one of the Reserve Components (RC) of the Army.
- Cadets must make an 8 year commitment to ARNG or USAR.
- Scholarship program pays 100% tuition and fees up to \$20,000 a year.
- Scholarship recipients also receive a book allowance.



Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship

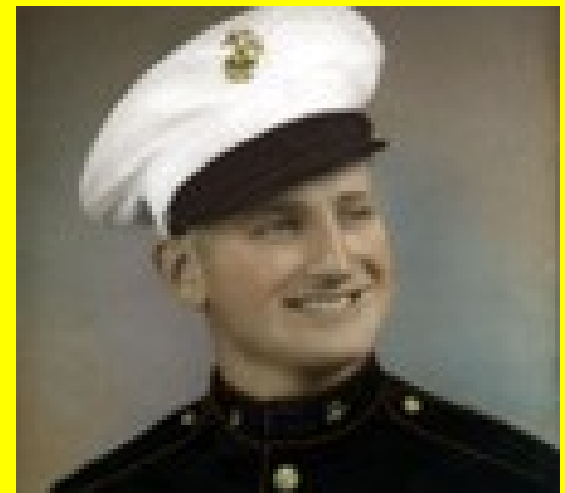
- Service Member and Dependents
- MD residents only / 60+ days “boots on ground”
- Up to \$8,850.00 in Tuition, Fees and Room & Board @ Univ. of MD System Schools
- Pays up to 50%

<http://www.mdva.state.md.us/scholarships.html>



The Louis H. Schilt Memorial Program

- Louis H. Schilt Memorial Scholarship Program for Injured Armed Services Veterans or their Spouses build new careers in the Graphic and Web Design Fields. Visit their website for more information at <https://www.sessions.edu/scholarship/military/index.asp>



Hodson Trust Star Scholarship Fund

- Johns Hopkins, Hood, St. Johns or Washington College (Some Masters)
- MD Residents only/ 60+ days “boots on ground”
- Three full scholarships per school per year until 2012

<http://www.mdva.state.md.us/scholarships/>
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Troops to Teachers

- Repayment for tuition up to \$5,000.00
- Bonuses up to \$10,000.00 to teach in 50% or greater Free and Reduced Meal Schools
- Counseling and Advising
- Hire in Advance Opportunities
- Job Listings
- Study References for Teaching Exams

<http://www.tttmaryland.org/availableservices.html>



Dependent Children Scholarships

- National Guard Association of MD (\$1,000) - <http://www.ngam.net>
- Scholarships for Military Children - <http://www.militaryscholar.org/>
- National Military Family Association - <http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer>
- Thanks USA (up to \$3,000) - <http://www.thanksusa.org/main/index.html>
- Heratio Alger Association - <http://www.horatioalger.org/>
- Fisher House - <http://www.fisherhouse.org/>
- Homefront America (up to \$1,000) - www.homefrontamerica.org/



TESTING SERVICES

- Army Personnel Testing
- Our office administers the AFAST and AFCT.
- You may contact the education office to schedule an appointment to take either the AFCT or AFAST.



Student Loan Repayment Program

- Standard SLRP: amount will not exceed \$20,000 and covers the initial contract period only. Maximum yearly payment of 15% based on original principle, between \$500 and \$3,000.
- Health Professional Loan Repayment Program: amount will not exceed \$50,000 and covers the initial contract period only. The first year \$20,000, the second year \$20,000 and the third and final year payment of \$10,000.



Army eLearning

- 1,500 plus courses including:
Information Technology, Business Skills, and Interpersonal Skills courses.
- Over 25 course modules evaluated for college credit.
- Includes Rosetta Stone foreign language courses.
- Go to:
<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/eLearning/smartforce/>



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 - College
 - Career
 - Job Search
 - Resume Writing
- Internet Delivery / Available 24/7)
- Available to Dependent Children
- Apply online for a token through **www.virtualarmory.com**